IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic-program-guide retrieval method comprising the steps of:

receiving an input retrieval keyword;

accessing a dictionary database based on an input retrieval keyword;

extracting at least one additional keyword from a dictionary database as a function of the input retrieval keyword,

wherein, when the input retrieval keyword is received in the receiving step, the at least one additional keyword is extracted from the dictionary database as a function of the input retrieval keyword in the extracting step; and

pre-designating a particular database from among a plurality of databases, including an electronic-program-guide database, a movie information database, and a drama information database;

selecting a route to the particular database that is pre-selected as a function of stored access information and stored path information; and

searching electronic-program-guide data from the particular database that is pre-selected as a function of the input retrieval keyword and the at least one extracted additional keyword.

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~~searching electronic-program-guide data from a plurality of databases, including~~

~~an electronic-program-guide database, a movie information database, and a drama information~~

~~database, as a function of the input retrieval keyword and the at least one extracted additional~~

~~keyword,~~

~~wherein one of the plurality of databases is accessed in searching for the~~

~~electronic program guide data as a function of the least one extracted keyword and the input~~

~~retrieval keyword,~~

~~wherein, when the retrieval keyword corresponds to one of misused character~~

~~keywords in a misused keyword database which are caused by possible input mistakes at~~

~~frequent intervals, and~~

~~wherein only the additional keyword is used to perform retrieval.~~

2-5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) An electronic-program-guide retrieval method according to claim 1, wherein the input retrieval keyword and the at least one extracted additional keyword are interrelated to each other.

7. (Previously Presented) An electronic-program-guide retrieval method according to claim 1, wherein when part of a word to be used as the input retrieval keyword is input, said word to be used as the input retrieval keyword and the at least one extracted

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additional keyword are extracted from a retrieval-keyword database storing previously input

keywords in a predetermined order.

        8. (Canceled)

        9. (Currently Amended) An electronic-program-guide retrieval method

according to claim 1, wherein when a particular genre is relevant to cooking, a different genre is

relevant to cooks.

        10. (Currently Amended) An electronic-program-guide retrieval method

according to claim 1, wherein when a particular genre is relevant to place names, a different

genre is relevant to names of persons.

        11. (Currently Amended) An electronic-program-guide retrieval system

comprising:

        a data server including an electronic-program-guide database storing program

information of an electronic program guide;

        a dictionary database for storing a plurality of retrieval keywords and a plurality

of additional keywords relevant to said retrieval keywords; and

        a client module comprising:

                input means for inputting said retrieval keywords;

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access means for accessing said dictionary database as a function of said

retrieval keywords and the plurality of additional keywords;

when receiving the input retrieval keyword, extracting means for extracting at

least one additional keyword from the dictionary database as a function of the input retrieval

keyword,

wherein, when the input retrieval keyword is input by the input means, the at least

one additional keyword is extracted from the dictionary database as a function of the input

retrieval keyword by the extracting means;

designating means for pre-designating a particular database from among a

plurality of databases, including an electronic-program-guide database, a movie information

database, and a drama information database;

selecting means for selecting a route to the particular database that is pre-selected

as a function of stored access information and stored path information; and

searching means for searching electronic-program-guide data from the particular

database that is pre-selected as a function of the input retrieval keyword and the at least one

extracted additional keyword.

~~and~~

~~searching means for searching electronic program guide data from a plurality of~~

~~databases, including the electronic-program-guide database , a movie information database, and a~~

~~drama information database based said input retrieval keyword and the at least one extracted~~

~~additional keyword,~~

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~~wherein one of the plurality of databases is accessed in searching for the~~

~~electronic program guide data as a function of the least one extracted keyword and the input~~

~~retrieval keyword,~~

~~wherein, when the retrieval keyword corresponds to one of misused character~~

~~keywords in a misused keyword database which are caused by possible input mistakes at~~

~~frequent intervals, and~~

~~wherein only the additional keyword is used to perform retrieval.~~

12. (Previously Presented) An electronic-program-guide retrieval system according to claim 11, wherein said dictionary database is provided at the client side.

13. (Previously Presented) An electronic-program-guide retrieval system according to claim 11, wherein said dictionary database is provided at the data server side.

14. (Previously Presented) An electronic-program-guide retrieval system according to claim 11, wherein said client downloads and stores the program information.

15. (Previously Presented) An electronic-program-guide retrieval system according to claim 11, wherein said client accesses a necessary part of said data server via a routing server storing information on routes to the parts of said data server.

16-17. (Cancelled)

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18. (Previously Presented) An electronic-program-guide retrieval system according to claim 11, wherein previously input keywords are stored in a retrieval-keyword database , and the stored keywords are arranged in order of frequency of use.

19-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) An electronic-program-guide retrieval system according to claim 11, wherein the program information includes data relevant to place names.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) An electronic-program-guide retrieval system comprising:

a data server including a plurality of databases, one of which is a television electronic-program-guide database for storing program information of an electronic program guide containing only keywords determined by an EPG provider as retrieval keywords;

a client having a certain data storage capacity comprising input means for inputting a retrieval keyword for retrieving the program information;

a dictionary database provided at the data server side and the client side for storing retrieval keywords and relevant keywords relevant to said retrieval keywords,

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a routing server having an access unit for accessing selectively said database and route information,

wherein when retrieval keyword is input, and relevant-keyword information relevant to the retrieval keyword input by said client is extracted from said dictionary database provided at the client side, said client sends the relevant-keyword to said routing server and the routing server accesses one of a plurality of databases, including an electronic-program-guide database, a movie information database, and a drama information database via said routing server storing information on routes to the parts of said data server, and

wherein said routing server accesses the database by:

pre-designating a particular database from among a plurality of databases, including an electronic-program-guide database, a movie information database, and a drama information database;

selecting a route to the particular database that is pre-selected as a function of stored access information and stored path information; and

searching electronic-program-guide data from the particular database that is pre-selected as a function of the input retrieval keyword and the at least one extracted additional keyword. ~~selecting the route to the database so that retrieval by accessing the program information is performed as a function of the extracted relevant-keyword information and the input retrieval keyword, and~~

~~wherein an apparatus including an access unit for accessing said data server and an input unit for inputting a retrieval keyword, can perform retrieval on the EPG data by using~~

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~~the input retrieval keyword and the plurality of additional keywords extracted from said~~

~~dictionary database at the server side,~~

~~wherein, when the retrieval keyword corresponds to one of misused character~~

~~keywords in a misused keyword database which are caused by possible input mistakes at~~

~~frequent intervals, and~~

~~wherein only the additional keyword is used to perform retrieval.~~

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